

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Oct. 26	Picture Retake
Oct. 29	Bowling Field Trip
Nov. 5	No School
Nov. 10	Turkey Trot
Nov. 11-12	Outdoor Education Field Trip

Dear Families,

The bowling field trip is on Friday! Please return permission slips along with \$13 (in cash) to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Tuesday, October 26. Students may bring costumes with them to change into at the bowling alley. Costumes should be able to fit over your child's clothing and should not include masks or weapons.

Our Outdoor Education field trip to Camp Algonquin is quickly approaching. The cost of the trip is \$90. Permission slips, along with the payment, are due by Monday, November 1. We need at least 5 men and 5 women to chaperone this overnight trip. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you can volunteer.

It was great to meet everyone at conferences! Please contact any of us if you ever have questions.

SPECIALS

Music

We are continuing studying the recorder next week so **it is essential that your child has their recorder in class.** If they need to buy one it is 5 dollars cash or check to District 97. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Karia at akaria@op97.org. Also check out the music website at <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/5th-grade>.

Chorus

Each member needs to fill out the online survey, telling me if you are available or not for our two concerts (October 30th and November 13th). Please go to <http://spreadsheets.google.com/a/op97.org/viewform?formkey=dEd2ZzM1cUthdTh2cTBvQnZWbmlTbEE6MQ> to fill out the survey. If you do not have access to the internet please send a note to Mrs. Karia confirming your availability. Also, if you go to <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/chorus> you will find a power point presentation containing all of the songs we have learned so far!

Spanish

Students acted out and recorded their current story *Montaña Hamburguesa* last week. This week, they will have a written and listening quiz on the story and then get to watch each group's performance of the story!

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Reading/Literature

Our focus this week is on sequence of events. We will read the Open Court Story, "The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung" in class on Monday. Students will take on the perspective of an immigrant miner and write a friendly letter to their families during workshop as well as write an extended response on how the characters used their cleverness to overcome hardships. Students were given a book report assignment sheet today. This project will be due on November 22nd.

Math

Graded Unit 2 math tests were returned today. Please review the test with your child and if a parent signature has been requested, please sign and return the test to school with your child. Today, we began our third unit and we will be focusing on rational numbers (fractions, decimals and percents). This week, we will review fractions, order fractions and work on converting between fractions and mixed numbers. Check the 5th grade wiki for a short Kahn Academy tutorial on converting between fractions and mixed numbers.

Science

This week we will be reviewing for the pollution unit test that will be on Thursday. The students received a study guide that they can use to help them prepare for the test. At home, the students should continue to work on their pollution science projects so that they can turn them in on Thursday. I am very excited to see what they have done!

Social Studies

Students are making excellent progress with the explorer research papers. We have spent a total of seven days working either on research in the library or the writing process in class. **A first draft of the paper is due no later than Tuesday, October 26.** A typed paper is not required. We will now move to other projects in class, but I will continue to check student progress. Most students will need to work on the first draft outside of class and may take home their research folders. These folders include research collected to date, a rubric for the final paper, and a detailed explanation of expectations for the paper. Please be sure these folders are not lost since they contain quite a bit of hard work.

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